

contributions to our Nation. The American Lung Association was founded in 1904 for the purpose of eliminating tuberculosis. As they neared that goal in the middle of the century, they also turned their attention to research, education, and advocacy against other lung ailments, including lung disease and asthma, and their environmental triggers. Each year, more than 360,000 Americans die of lung disease. Responsible for one in every seven deaths, lung disease is the third highest cause of death in America. While the death rates for diseases such as heart disease and cancer are beginning to decrease, the lung disease death rate is climbing. The American Lung Association is needed now more than ever, and I am confident that they will continue to fight to end asthma and other respiratory ailments. I would like to thank their excellent staff and countless volunteers who work around the clock to bring attention to these diseases and educate our communities. I am honored to have worked with this association during the past ten years in Congress, and I would like to once again congratulate the American Lung Association on 100 years of advocacy.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer some reflections on this past Memorial Day. Every year, we as a Nation take time at the end of May to remember those men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice—their lives—to protect and defend our great country.

For many, Memorial Day Weekend has become the traditional start of the summer season. Parades and celebrations are held across the country, and many families take their first trip of summer to the beach, or hold a big backyard barbecue, or go swimming at the newly reopened community pool. In Indianapolis, we spend the holiday weekend hosting this country's greatest auto race—the Indy 500—where we revel in the thrill of speed and marvel at the latest advancements in automotive design and engine development. The Indy Car fans and the Indy Car family of racers have shown themselves to be among the most patriotic of Americans, and I'm proud to celebrate Memorial Day weekend with such a tremendous group of people year after year. Yet, I fear that in the rush to enjoy the fruits of summer, we all too often forget that we are only able to hold these celebrations, and enjoy the freedom to travel where we want when we want, because of generations of men and women who put their lives on the line to protect and preserve our freedoms.

As our young men and women risk their lives in a global War on Terror, and continue to fight for peace and stability for those who spent years living under tyranny and oppression in Afghanistan and Iraq, I would hope that each of us will pause to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day, then give thanks, and perhaps pray, for those who have willingly put themselves in harm's way to keep us free. Each one—from the most decorated General and Admiral to the lowest ranking enlisted

man or woman—from the fighter pilots and gunners to the mechanics, quartermasters, and the cooks—each and every one is a hero.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, as we return from observing Memorial Day in our districts, I rise to pay a tribute to a man who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country during the Vietnam War. This weekend, I had the honor of presenting Staff Sergeant Adrian J. Anglim's family with the two Bronze Stars he earned during his service in the United States Army, but never received until last year. His story serves as a shining example of courageous service to his country.

Adrian Anglim was born on January 9th, 1934 in Ironwood, Michigan. After attending St. Ambrose High School in Ironwood and Northern Michigan University in Marquette, he joined the Michigan National Guard. He was serving as a Junior ROTC instructor for Bessemer High School when he was called up to active duty and assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas where he joined the First Infantry Division.

Staff Sergeant Anglim arrived in Vietnam in April 1966 and served with distinction as a member of the First Infantry. His courage and leadership in combat earned him two bronze stars which, thanks to the efforts of his platoon leader, his family has finally received.

To illustrate the debt that our country owes Adrian Anglim, I would like to read two passages from the citations for his bronze stars. The first describes then Staff Sergeant Anglim's performance throughout his combat service. It reads:

For meritorious achievement in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 28 April 1966 to 25 August 1966. Through his untiring efforts and professional ability, Staff Sergeant Anglim consistently obtained outstanding results. He was quick to grasp the implications of new problems with which he was faced as a result of the ever changing situations inherent in a counterinsurgency operation and to find ways and means to solve those problems. The energetic application of his extensive knowledge has materially contributed to the efforts of the United States Mission to the Republic of Vietnam to assist that country in ridding itself of the communist threat to its freedom. Staff Sergeant Anglim's initiative, zeal, sound judgment, and devotion to duty have been in the highest tradition of the United States Army.

The second citation accompanied Sergeant Anglim's Bronze Star with a "V" device, signifying valor. This medal was awarded for Anglim's heroism the day that he gave his life for his country. It reads:

For heroism on 25 August 1966 in the Republic of Vietnam while participating in an operation in Binh Duong Province when called to assist a Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol heavily engaged with the Viet Cong Phu Loi Battalion. As his company approached the enemy camp it encountered intense enemy fire. At great personal risk, he moved among the platoon to establish a defensive position. His leadership under intense

fire enabled his men to occupy defensible terrain in front of the enemy trench line. By this time, his element had been reduced to himself and one rifleman. Using one remaining radio and company mortars, the platoon leader and Sergeant Anglim devised a plan to suppress enemy mortars directly to their front. While under constant enemy fire, Sergeant Anglim was able to provide directions for the adjustment of company mortars, forcing the enemy to displace twice. While directing fire on their third location, he was killed instantly by enemy small arms fire. His heroic actions enabled other units to maneuver to engage the enemy and block their escape. Sergeant Anglim's exemplary courage was in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to mention Sergeant Anglim's family. After his tragic death, Sergeant Anglim's wife Marilyn raised their three children on her own, which is no small feat. Today, their twins Van and Ann are 46. Van is an employee of the Defense Department working on missile systems. Ann is working as the facilities manager for the Ann Arbor Public Schools in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their son Paul is 42 and a Lieutenant with the Wyoming, Michigan Police Department.

As Adrian Anglim's children grew up and tried to learn more about the father they never really knew, they talked to James Holland, who was their father's platoon leader in Vietnam. They were able to learn what had happened to their father from someone who was there, and who benefited from his heroism.

When Mr. Holland realized that Sergeant Anglim's family had never received the additional medals that he had earned, he took steps to see that those recommendations reached the Army and that Sergeant Anglim was finally recognized for his bravery in battle. I had the honor of presenting those medals to Marilyn Anglim and her children in a ceremony at the American Legion Post #71 in Gladstone, Michigan this past weekend.

Mr. Speaker, Adrian Anglim served his country bravely and deserves our deepest gratitude for his service and his ultimate sacrifice. I ask that the House join me in honoring this fallen American soldier.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the brave men and women who lives have been lost in the War on Terror. I am privileged to represent several military installations, including Edwards Air Force Base, China Lake Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, Camp San Luis Obispo and Camp Roberts. Thousands of active duty military, Reservists, National and California Guardsmen and women and civilian defense contractors serve our country at these installations every day. Four young men from the 22nd Congressional District of California, that I represent, have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country, and I would like to honor them today.

Army Private First Class Michelangelo Mora Jr., age 19, of Arroyo Grande, California, was